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SUBJECT: ECONADS: NEW PROPOSALS FOR BELGRADE

REF: A) STATE 185898, B) USNATO 2205, C) GENEVA 6916

1. TURKISH ECONAD (BOLUKBASI) EXPRESSED CONCERN TO US AUGUST 18 ABOUT U.S. SUGGESTION TO HOLD IN RESERVE BASKET II PROPOSAL ON THE PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT(REF A). DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT DURING ECONADS DISCUSSION OF NEW PROPOSALS, THE TURKS INSISTED THIS PROPOSAL BE INCLUDED (REF B).

2. MISSION OFFICER SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ONE OF THE TOPICS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19-21 CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE SENIOR ADVISORS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WAS THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT (REF C). THUS, IT WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER TO HOLD PROPOSAL ON PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT IN RESERVE UNTIL RESULTS OF SEPTEMBER ECE MEETING WERE KNOWN. IF ECE DECIDED TO TAKE UP MARINE POLLUTION PROBLEMS, IT MIGHT BE UNNECESSARY TO TABLE THIS PROPOSAL AT BELGRADE. TURKISH ECONAD REQUESTED FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BRING QUESTION UP AT SEPTEMBER 1 ECONADS MEETING.
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3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE AND BACKGROUND ON U.S. SUGGESTION TO HOLD IN RESERVE PROPOSAL (1) (B) ON PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT. GLITMAN

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